

How to Write the Next Great Mississippi Novel

1. Use this handy chart to mix and match your major elements.

2. Sit down at a desk and start writing. 3. Voila! You're a literary star.

Genre	Setting	Hero	Subject	Conflict	Resolution
Mystery	The Delta	Elvis	Humidity	Legal problems	Everyone dies
Sci-Fi	Windsor Ruins	Eudora Welty	Catfish	Star-crossed lovers	Apocalypse
Children's	An Indian mound	Oprah	Cotton	Money issues	Hero is defeated
Historical Fiction	Yoknapatawpha County	Cool Papa Bell	Magnolias	Time travel complicates things	Love conquers all
Romance	Natchez Trace	Tammy Wynette	Tamales	Civil War	Someone goes to jail
Horror	The Coast	BB King	Football	Natural disaster	Someone wins the lottery
Thriller	Mississippi River	Ida B. Wells	The blues	Family secrets	Reader is left hanging

